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H. A. HERBERT, Manager.

Hongkong, March 25, 1885. 323

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

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Hongkong, March 27, 1885. 531

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THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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PA-CHOW-KOK Rock, distant about 160 yards from the South Bank of the River, about 40 feet square, covered 3 feet at low water springs, and from the shoalest part of which

Pa-chow (large Whampoa) Pagoda, bears S.W. by W., magnetic.

Pa-chow-kok (small) Pagoda, bears W.S.W., magnetic.

East Whampoa (small) Pagoda, bears S.E. by E., magnetic.

HAWK ROCK, on which the Steamer HAWK touched on the 23rd October, 1884, distant about 250 yards from the South Bank of the River, about 140 feet across from East to West and 40 feet from North to South, covered 8 feet at low water springs, and from the shoalest part of which

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Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1659

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Imperial Maritime Customs, Shanghai, 21st March, 1885. 543

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**VICTORIA EXCHANGE,**  
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WHEN they propose selling STORES  
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**MALT-BESE CIGARETTES.**

**Hongkong, March 12, 1885.**

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## To-day's Advertisements.



## GOVERNMENT BILLS.

**TENDERS for SPECIE**, Mexican Dollars current in this Colony, weighing 7.17, in Exchange for BILLS, drawn on Demand, on the Government of India, Calcutta, will be RECEIVED by the District Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until 12, Noon, on SATURDAY NEXT, the 4th instant.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount required (in Rupees), and the Amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums below Rs. 10,000. The Tenders to be in triplicate, sealed Covenants, addressed to 'The District Paymaster, Army Pay Department, and enclosed 'Tenders for Government Bills.'

To right to accept or reject any or all the Tenders is reserved.

**ARTHUR GEILSTON, Major**

*Staff Paymaster.*

**TREASURY CHEST OFFICE,**

**Queen's Road,**

**Hongkong, 1st April, 1885.**

**500**

## To-day's Advertisements.

## SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

## FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIAGO.

The Steamship

*Glamorganshire*, D. WILLIAMS, Comdr.

will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, 2nd April, at Noon.

This Fine New Steamer has very superior

Passenger Accommodation and carries a

Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 1, 1885.

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FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cars & Passengers at through rates

for NINGPO, CHEFOO, TIENSIN,

NEWCHIANG, HANKOW and

Ports on the YANTZEE.)

The Steamship

*Mofo*, Captain LUX, will be

despatched for the above

Port TO-MORROW, the 2nd Instant, at

4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 1, 1885.

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POSTPONEMENT OF DEPARTURE.

STEAM TO BOMBAY, VIA STRAITS

AND COLOMBO.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s

Chartered Steamship

*King Arthur*

will leave for the above

SATURDAY, 4th April, at 2 p.m.,

as previously advertised.

A. MCIVER,

Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

Hongkong, April 1, 1885.

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NOTICE.

WE HAVE this Day OPENED a

BRANCH of our Firm at this Port,

and have authorized Mr. G. MACKRILL,

SMITH to SIGN our Name.

MARKESSON & Co.

Canton, 1st April, 1885.

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TO LET.

NO. 4, WEST TERRACE, Entry from

1st April.

Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,

4, Praya Central.

Hongkong, April 1, 1885.

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FROM GLASGOW, HAMBURG, ANT-

WERP, LONDON & SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glamorganshire*, D. WILLIAMS,

Commander, having arrived from the

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inform that all Goods, with the exception

of Opium, are being landed at their risk into

the Godowns of the Unsigned, at Wan-

chai, No. 3, behind the premises known as

'Blue Buildings,' whence and/or from the

Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

'Optional' Cargo will be forwarded before

unless notice to the contrary be given before

NOON.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods

remaining after the 7th Instant will be

subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 1, 1885.

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## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

ANNA BERTHA, German barque, Capt. H.  
KRAUSE—Siemens & Co.

GOONZILL, American barque, Capt. W.  
R. Hagan—Adamson, Bell & Co.

JNO. M. CHERK, American barque, Capt.  
J. T. CONANT—H. J. H. TRIPP.

MATTHEW, British barque, Captain A.  
MCLELLAN—ARNHOLD, Karberg & Co.

MELCHIOR, British barque, Captain Light-  
body—MULCHIE & Co.

NALICE M. SLANE, American schooner,  
Capt. D. Gould—ARNHOLD, Karberg & Co.

POON SHANGHAI.

The British steamer *Mofo* reports: Had light winds and hazy weather throughout.

The British steamer *Mongfud* reports: Left Hongkong on 26th March; an experienced moderate Easterly wind and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Thales* reports: Left Sharp Peak on the 29th ult., at 10:30 a.m. Experienced light winds from S.W. with dull cloudy weather, to off Pyramidal Point; when dense fog set in and lasted to arrival in Amoy. At Sharp Peak, sailing vessels *Longy* and *Clara Babylon*, Left Amoy on 30th ult., at 5 p.m. had moderate N.E. winds and dull cloudy weather. Steamers at Amoy, *Ping-ow*, *Dia-*

*mande*, and German man-of-war *Elisabeth*. Left Swatow

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such as defences of the Colonies have to be decided upon.

The Hon. member then formally moved his resolution.

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the subject there is little for me to say to him. I am perfectly confident that no effort has been spared by your Excellency to do everything that could be urged upon the authorities at home as to the desirability of proceeding rapidly with the work of defending this Colony you represent; that we all admit; and that model is a demonstration brought to you more than antagonistic to you. There always are delays connected with matters that have to be referred home, and I think it is not derogatory to the Royal Engineers that this work is not going on quickly. Perhaps it may be; I have heard of such things; but there is an idea that they may be tied down by instructions from the heads of their departments in England; that they may not be able to get exactly what they require. That is what we are desirous of, of any possible confederacy of nations, to destroy or lessen the prestige and influence of Great Britain, with China and Japan, those rich and vast countries which have had the most probability a great future before them in the history of the world.

Such, honourable gentlemen, was the language in which I opened the question of our Defences just six weeks after my first arrival here. And I have followed up this opening by a long series of official despatches and (what has proved still more effective) of private letters to my personal friends among English statesmen and among the chief military authorities at the War Office. I cannot, of course, publish correspondence much of which is of a confidential character; but I am ready to show it to any member of this Council, or to you, honourable gentlemen, lie my self, despite any "irreconcileable character" (as one of you has so well called it) which could not be other than to point out any weak point in the armour of our country to our possible enemies—to all who fear or envy the greatness of England. And, in all of my correspondence on this subject, will show that what has been done, and is doing, for the defences of this Colony, is due mainly to my constant and persistent representations, aided, of course, by General Sartorius, and by the other naval and military authorities. I am in cordial co-operation with Admiral Sir W. Dowell, and with General Cameron, who possess the entire confidence of the Admiralty and of the War Office; and this community can place full reliance on their prudence and energy. Sir W. Dowell is now temporarily absent in the execution of measures which, if they could be divulged, would be regarded by all of us as the best calculated alike for the protection of our trade and of English interests generally in this quarter of the world, and for the protection of Hongkong. The Admirals has authorised the states, moreover, that there will remain permanently in this Harbour the formidable Ironclad "Wien" now fully manned and equipped, and five other men-of-war, together with four torpedo-boats, and a large provision of auxiliary vessels. I may add that, it has been long a subject of discussion, among a subject of differences. The engineer officers have differed materially, and in my own experience plans have been taken up, left off, recommenced, then left off again. There has been more money squandered on these changes alone than the part of the professional men in the defences of the Colony than could have made it secure. The discussion in the Chamber of Commerce, I am quite sure, had nothing of a personal character in it; it was altogether of a public character.

Your Excellency has nothing to do with these discussions which may occur in this Colony; we know you are true to its interests, and, therefore, if strong expressions are used, it is rather by way of pressuring the things we want. Clearly we want to have an independent line between here and Singapore. It is not a duty owing to ourselves alone but to Imperial interests. We were better informed than those who are distant, and we ought to show them that there are interests which may be neglected by them in the greater importance to them of more local events (Hear—hear). With regard to the cost of the defences and also of the larger sum of money which would be necessary for the special case between here and Singapore, the resources of the Colony are not such as to admit of a greater sum being made up in its revenue, but it is rather Imperial interests, and they ought to be put by us as Imperial and not local. I have no doubt, however, that in an extremity of trouble and if defences are not sufficient for the immediate protection of this Colony the means would be obtained, if not through the revenue, by some other way. I am glad that this discussion has taken place. I think it will have the effect of convincing those who are responsible for the proper protection of the Colony, that there are people in the Colony who are alive to the deficiencies of the defences and who will not rest until these deficiencies have been overcome.

His Excellency said:—Honourable gentlemen of the Legislative Council, I am very glad, indeed, that my hon. friend who so worthily represents in this Council the Chamber of Commerce, has brought forward this most important resolution. I thank him and I thank the hon. members who succeeded, for the way they have spoken of my self and the Executive of this Colony. I may say at once, that I hope that this resolution will be carried unanimously. As the hon. member said it is owing to my strong desire that the unofficial element was increased from two to four, and the Chamber of Commerce was invited to nominate its own representative. I am quite sure from the able speech which my hon. friend has just made, and from his high character and position, that you will agree that the Chamber of Commerce could not have made a better choice, in fact I look upon him as a living and durable proof of the success of my policy. As I said just now I hope this resolution would be passed unanimously, and I said so because it gave more strength to the resolutions I have already made on the same subject to Her Majesty's Government. The fact is, hon. gentlemen, that a truly patriotic Governor, on this and other occasions, has anticipated the wishes of his children, a great English statesman—I allude to the late Sir Robert Peel, years ago, said he was the first duty of a statesman to be a little but not too much in advance of the public opinion of the people, over which he rules. Now it can be proved by documentary evidence that I have been in this question for two years in advance at least of the men to whom the hon. member referred just now. When I came to this Colony first there was no general agitation on the question of defences. It was I who first brought this question to notice of the Imperial Government. For the sake of greater accuracy I have prepared a minute, showing exactly what has been done, and with your permission I will now read it. It is very short on:

I arrived at Hongkong on March 30, 1853; and six weeks afterwards, after careful study of the subject, I opened the question of the defences of this Colony by a elaborate despatch to the Secretary of State (Lord Derby), dated May 12, 1853. In that Despatch, after entering fully into details, I concluded as follows:—"I submit that your Lordship should move the War Office to prepare a full and final plan for the defences of Hongkong, and that such plan should be submitted by Her Majesty's Government to both the Governor and the General Commanding the troops, with in-

## TELEGRAMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING THE ALMAGRETS OF THE FORTS AT HONGKONG.

PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY COMMAND OF HIS EXCELLENCE THE GOVERNOR.

(1)

TELEGRAM.  
Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN to the Secretary of State.

1st January, 1855.

Legislative Council unanimous in voting the amount estimated for expenditure on works of Military Defences, on the understanding that the Imperial Government provides armament of latest pattern breech-loading heavy Ordnance, capable of resisting heaviest modern Ironclads. Dispatch by Mail.

(2)

Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN to the Secretary of State.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1855.

My Lord.—Referring to much previous correspondence on the subject, I have the honour to report that in the 31st ultime, the Legislative Council unanimously voted the special contribution of fifty-five thousand and six hundred and twenty-five pounds sterling (£55,625), required by Her Majesty's Government from this Colony to meet the cost of the new Defence Works.

2. I have this day telegraphed to your Lordship to the above effect.

3. The views of the vote, which were arranged by the Finance Committee of the Council, are as follows:—

"The Council now vote the sum of fifty-five thousand six hundred and twenty-five pounds sterling (£55,625), required as the contribution of this Colony to the effective defence of Hongkong; it being understood that the armament to be provided by the Imperial Government, will be of the best and latest pattern of breech-loading Ordnance, and capable of resisting attacks by the heaviest modern Ironclads."

4. It is my duty to report that there is a very six-ing in this community—a feeling fully shared by the principal Naval and Military Officers on the Station—that it would be worse than useless (as leading to a false sense of security), to erect fresh Defence Works here, unless they are armed with Ordnance of the latest and most approved pattern, capable of resisting the attack of the heaviest modern artillery. It was proposed by the Parliamentary Papers that it was originally proposed that the sum insufficient sum of £50,000 should be provided, for the armament of the new Forts at Hongkong; and the un-official members of the Colonial and Legislative Councils gave energetic expression to this dissatisfaction generally felt on this point. However, I draw attention to the fact that from the latest Parliamentary Papers, it appears that this question had been reconsidered by the Military Authorities, and that the sum of £50,000 should be provided, for the armament of the new Forts at Hongkong; and the un-official members of the Colonial and Legislative Councils gave energetic expression to this dissatisfaction generally felt on this point.

5. It is my duty to report that there is a feeling fully shared by the principal Naval and Military Officers on the Station—that it would be worse than useless (as leading to a false sense of security), to erect fresh Defence Works here, unless they are armed with Ordnance of the latest and most approved pattern, capable of resisting the attack of the heaviest modern artillery. It was proposed by the Parliamentary Papers that it was originally

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